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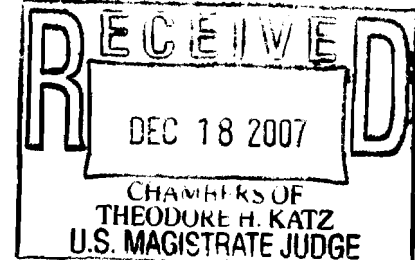
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December 17, 2007

By Hand

Hon. Theodore H Katz  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1660  
New York, New York 10007



Re: Maura Garcia v. Astrue  
07 Civ. 6658 (DAB) (THK)

Dear Judge Katz:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in this action. We write respectfully to request an extension of defendant's time to answer or move with respect to the complaint.

After one adjournment was granted due to a delay in the preparation of the administrative record, the answer is now due on December 17, 2007. This Office has only recently received the administrative record in this case. In order to allow time to review the record, and, if necessary, to discuss it with Social Security Administration personnel, we respectfully request that defendant's time to answer or move be extended to February 8, 2008. The plaintiff, who is proceeding pro se, consents to this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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*The response to the Complaint shall be filed by  
February 8, 2008. Any reply shall be filed  
by February 25, 2008.*

**SO ORDERED**

*12/19/07*

*Theodore H. Katz*

THEODORE H. KATZ  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE